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Chris (and Paul?) - Thank you for carving out some time tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Central to meet by conference call with representatives from the Synthetic Turf Council and our ace in the hole - Andy Acho - to learn about the STC and our efforts to promote the benefits and safety of crumb rubber infill for synthetic turf sports fields. As you will appreciate from the following link to a video featuring the president of a Connecticut environmental group (<<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F3FnQMldms>> <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1F3FnQMldms>), crumb rubber is currently under attack by a vocal minority as hazardous to human health and the environment, despite the numerous studies from around the world that validate its safety.

We have maintained close contact with a team from the EPA's Office of Prevention, Pesticides, and Toxic Substances and Office of Research and Development, which are nearing the conclusion of a 'limited scoping study.' Following the study, the EPA may decide to initiate a full investigation into the safety of crumb rubber, which it was asked to conduct in mid-2008 by the New Jersey Department of Health and Senior Services and Rep. Rosa DeLauro (D-CT). We met most recently with the EPA team in Washington on March 31. Having been made aware of the affect these unfounded assertions against crumb rubber were having on the synthetic turf market, they urged us to try to schedule a meeting with Mr. James Jones, Acting Assistant Administrator for the OPPT, to advance the idea of an EPA/STC partnership and to request that the EPA issue an interim statement of safety based on the scientific knowledge it already has about crumb rubber. We are interested to know if you think this is a strategy we ought to pursue, and if so if you can help facilitate such a meeting.

Because you reside in Chicago, I thought you might enjoy reading the entry of Orr Academy High School in the Humboldt Park neighborhood in Chicago in a recent STC contest -- the winners of which have not yet been selected -- for the best stories about the impact their synthetic turf sports field has had on the school, the students, and the community.

To access the conference call, please call 1-800-944-8766, and enter the access code, 20042#. We look forward to talking with you tomorrow. Cheers,

Rick

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Chris,

It was great talking with you again about the benefits of utilizing recycled tire rubber in environmentally responsible and safe applications. As you'll remember from when we met in Chicago, I have the utmost respect for the EPA and particularly Paul Ruesch for being the catalyst that helped Ford (and me) in assuring that some 10 million tires collected from Ford and Lincoln Mercury dealers did not go to landfills but were recycled. With his knowledge of the beneficial use of recycled rubber, more than 400 projects (including athletic fields, children's playgrounds, mulch, therapeutic riding facilities, roads, etc) were financially supported by Ford, helping non-profits, educational institutions and government entities.

As we discussed, I have offered my help to the Synthetic Turf Council (STC) to assist them in finding effective means to educate and convince those who do not understand the many benefits of recycled crumb rubber. I appreciate your agreement to have a teleconference this Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 p.m. Chicago time (4:30 p.m. Detroit and Atlanta time) to talk to leaders of the STC and me. The STC team, subject to availability, will include Joe Motz, Chairman, Stanley Greene, Board Director, Marty Sergi, STC member and CEO of Permalife and Rick Doyle, President. If Paul is available, he is most welcome to join in the conference call.

For background information, Attached is a one-page Briefing Paper that was used at a meeting held at EPA headquarters in DC on March 31. STC's web-site is www.syntheticurfCouncil.org

<<http://www.syntheticurfCouncil.org/>> .

By copy of this note, I am asking Rick Doyle to set up a toll free number that we can all call for Tuesday afternoon's conference call. Looking forward to speaking with you at 3:30 p.m. your time Tuesday.

Happy Easter!!

Andy Acho

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